

Fiscal Services Division

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Fiscal Note

SF 2254 – Commercial Motor Vehicle Violations (LSB 5389 SV)

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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

Senate File 2254 increases scheduled fines for violation of certain motor carrier safety rules:

- For an equipment violation, an increase from \$25 to \$50.
- For a driver violation, an increase from \$25 to \$100.

Assumptions

1. This analysis is based on information obtained from the Justice Data Warehouse, which includes statewide court information.
2. Revenue estimates are based on FY 2005 convictions, current fine amounts, and the most recent collection rates.
3. Convictions will not change over the projection period.
4. In FY 2005, there were 34,428 convictions for motor carrier safety violations, of which 25,748 were for equipment violations and 8,680 were for driver violations.
5. The fees collected for convictions of motor carrier safety violations include the fine, surcharge fee (32.0% applied in addition to the fine amount), and court costs. Surcharge fees, in addition to the fines, will increase under the proposed legislation, but court costs will remain constant.
6. The total amount collected from the fine is deposited into the Road Use Tax Fund. Of the total amount collected from the surcharge fee, 5.0% is deposited into the General Fund of the county in which the citation was issued, and 95.0% is distributed as follows: 83.0% is deposited into the State General Fund, and 17.0% into the State Victim's Compensation Fund.
7. The collection rate will decrease in the first year due to the increase in fines.
8. Revenues are projected out over three years to reflect the length of time for the fine increase to catch up with the collection rate.
9. The law will take effect on July 1, 2006.

Fiscal Impact

Road Use Tax Fund

An estimated increase in revenue due to the increase in fines collected from motor carrier safety violations:

- **Year 1:** \$795,000
- **Year 2:** \$959,000
- **Year 3:** \$1.0 million

Other Funds

An estimated increase in revenue due to the increase in the amount collected from surcharge fees:

- **Year 1:**
 - State General Fund: \$201,000
 - State Victim's Compensation Fund: \$41,000
 - Counties' General Fund: \$13,000
- **Year 2:**
 - State General Fund: \$242,000
 - State Victim's Compensation Fund: \$50,000
 - Counties' General Fund: \$15,000
- **Year 3:**
 - State General Fund: \$261,000
 - State Victim's Compensation Fund: \$53,000
 - Counties' General Fund: \$17,000

Sources

Department of Transportation
Justice Data Warehouse, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division,
Department of Human Rights

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
